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FHSU GROWS

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1978 was an exceptionally good year for Fort Hays State University.

What had been dreams and ideas became realities with the start of construction on a new classroom building, the creation of a separate school of business, and the launching of an extensive enrichment campaign. Following is a brief look at changes and accomplishments:

\$1 million gift

The Endowment Association ushered in the new year on a bright note as it accepted nearly \$1 million in assets from the estate of Floyd J. Wagner, Pratt. The money, the largest single gift ever received by the university, is being used by nursing students in the form of loans, grants, and scholarships.

Business School formed

In March the business department announced plans to break away from the school of arts and sciences, forming a separate school encompassing all business and economics courses. The school will stress more seminars and workshops for persons in business-related professions in the community and the area.

The separate business school gives Fort Hays State an advantage in competition for public and private grants and will draw more business firms to the campus in search of employees.

At the same time the Kansas Board of Regents approved the university's request of a Master of Fine Arts Degree. No other institution in this area offers such a degree which is required for most college and university teaching positions.

New nursing building

Plans for a new building to house the school of nursing were made in June. Total cost is estimated at near \$2 million. Ground-breaking is anticipated within the next 12 months, and school officials hope that construction will be completed during the next 2-3 years. The new building will house classroom and lab facilities.

Rarick construction begins

The northeast corner of the campus has undergone several major changes this past year. The original Rarick Hall, built in 1911, was torn down, and students and faculty alike complained as 68-year-old dust filled the air. A make-shift fence was erected and work began on the new building; cold weather has slowed that work. This year FHSU students won't mark the coming of spring by the sounds of returning birds, but by sounds of jack-hammers, drills, and the shouts of workmen as the project resumes.

The new building, also to be called Rarick Hall after former president Clarence Rarick, will be a three-story structure with 117,000 square feet. Total cost is estimated at \$5.45 million. The building will house 9 departments including art, mathematics, education, sociology, political science, economics, foreign language, English, and philosophy.

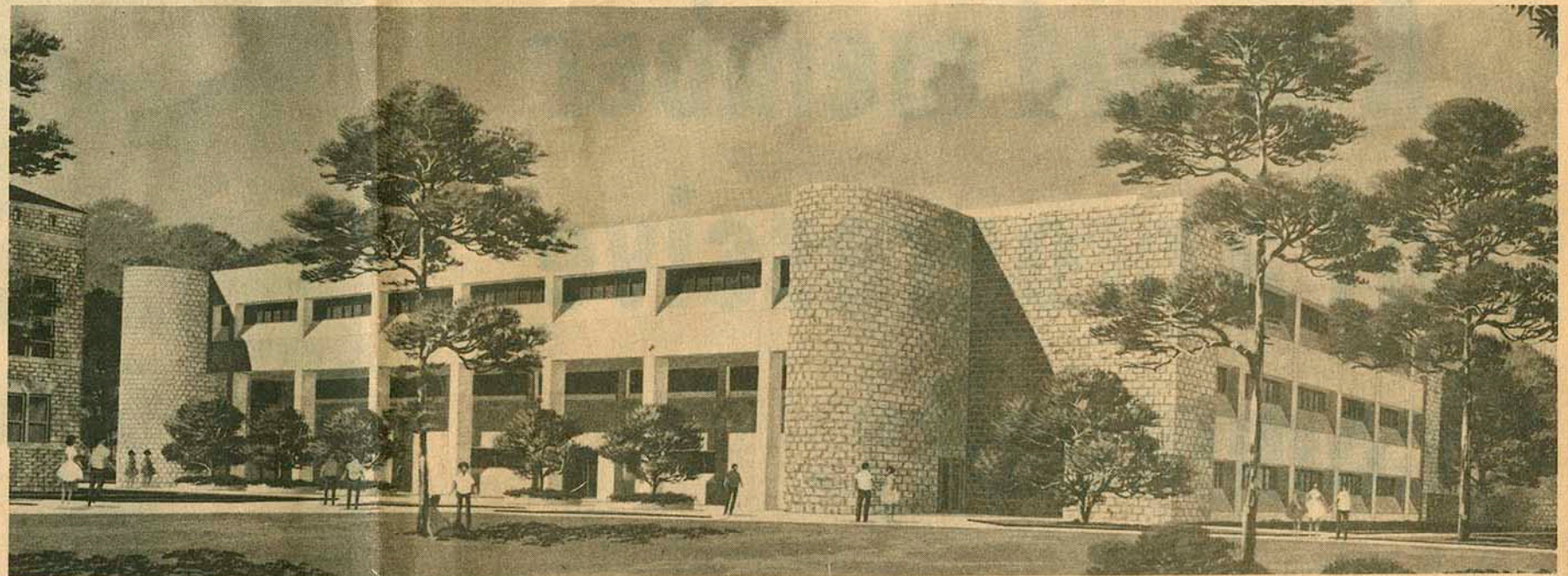
\$12 million goal

FHSU President Gerald W. Tomanek launched a multi-million dollar "Enrichment Campaign" early in October. The \$12-million goal is the largest fund-raising effort ever undertaken by the university. Funds will be divided among faculty, student needs, and program and facility improvements.

Schoolhouse donation

The first of many steps to be taken on the Enrichment Campaign road came in the form of a \$20,000 check from the Garvey Foundation. The money is being used to reconstruct a one-room school house east of Forsyth Library on campus. The school house selected was a 103-year-old structure known as the Plymouth school, located in Russell county. The building will be furnished with artifacts representative of the school's earlier use, and will serve as a place of historical interest to students and campus visitors.

Another substantial gift came from



A far cry from its namesake, the new Rarick Hall will rise on the northeast corner of the campus.

Laura C. Woods, Kinsley. The Woods money will provide scholarships for students who are pursuing a career in health-related professions.

Garwood book published

John Garwood, dean of instruction, will remember 1978 best as the year his book "Back to the Basics" came off the printing press. Garwood describes the book as one dealing with "America's need for integrity, excellence and critical thinking."

Clarinet Choir to Toronto

Although most of the school-sponsored traveling done by students at FHSU involves athletics, occasionally some other group hits the road. This year the 21 members of the FHSU Clarinet Choir traveled to Toronto for the International Clarinet Congress. The choir performed twice, first in a formal concert, and the next day in an informal workshop for other clarinet choirs. The Fort Hays State group is the only clarinet choir in the state.

Another Madrigal Dinner

Once again this year the FHSU Madrigal dinner was a welcome addition to the Christmas season. Each year ticket sales increase as more and

more people enjoy the evenings of old English food, drink and entertainment.

Tomanek 'Kansan of the Year'

Additional university accomplishments included the "Kansan of the Year" award bestowed on President Tomanek by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas. Tomanek, a native of Collyer, and an expert on prairie grasslands, is beginning his fourth year as president of FHSU.

New television camera

Last year, the university's radio and television department ordered a lightweight color television camera for field work. The 'eng' (electronic news gathering) camera arrived a few weeks ago. The camera is very similar to the 'mini' cams used by television stations. It can be used for filming almost anywhere, under a wide range of conditions, making 'on-the-spot' reports possible from a variety of locations. The camera will be available in advanced production classes and will give students an opportunity for hands-on experience.

New faces

Finally, recent months have seen the arrival of some new faces at Fort Hays State. One of the most visible is new head football coach, Bobby Thompson. The former defensive backfield coach and recruiting coordinator at Kansas State, Thompson said he plans to employ a passing offense and an odd-front defense with the Tigers in the upcoming season.

A familiar face in a new job is Fred Ruda, chairman of the industrial arts department at the university. Ruda, who has been at Fort Hays State since 1973, has served as acting chairman of the department since 1977.

Harold (Dale) Johansen is the most recent news-maker at FHSU. Johansen, who has been at Fort Hays State since 1976, was named dean of the newly formed school of business. Johansen came to Fort Hays State from Wayne (Neb.) State College.



A one-room schoolhouse is being reassembled east of Forsyth Library, thanks in part to a \$20,000 donation from the Garvey Foundation.

Alright plans to get 'in the swim'

Alright Construction expects to be "in the swim" in 1979. Its owners plan to expand their push toward providing back yards in Hays with swimming pools.

Much of the company's emphasis in 1978 was on residential construction, according to Henry Hartman. He and Larry Knox are partners in the business operating from an office, complete with

retail showroom, on the Highway 40 bypass.

The firm opened its new office last October, shortly after the pair bought out Alright Dirt Construction Co., and incorporated.

Building projects last year included:

- 15 duplexes on Indian Trail.
- The framing contract on Canterbury Villa.

- 15 duplexes in Great Bend.
- 6 units for an elderly housing project in Bushton.
- 15 duplexes started in Hutchinson.
- The framing contract for the 24 housing units for the elderly in Ellis.
- The general contract for 16 elderly housing units in Quinter.

Also, the firm installed four swimming pools but looks to do swimmingly better this year.